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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 7, 2002 (Paper No. 6) in the above-identified application, regarding which a one-month extension of time to respond is hereby petitioned. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Please amend the Application as follows:

In the Claims:

All of the claims presently in the case are set forth here, along with amended Claim 5, for convenience of reference and consideration.

1. A method of operating a time division multiple access (TDMA) radio system having multi-slot capabilities and utilising half-duplex transmission/reception where uplink and downlink user data transmissions between a mobile station and a base station are made in separate TDMA frames, the method comprising allocating a greater number of time slots in each downlink TDMA frame than in each uplink TDMA frame, to said mobile station.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the TDMA frames alternate between reception and transmission frames.